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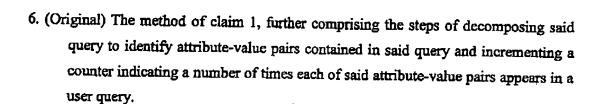
1. (Currently Amended) A method for searching an electronic program guide, comprising

obtaining a list of available programs;

generating a user query in response to a user command by a user, said user query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on a prior query search that has been executed by the user; and

comparing attributes of said available programs to said attributevalue pairs in said query to identify programs satisfying said query.

- 2.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said generating step is performed automatically in response to said user command.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user command is a single button click.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one of said attribute-value pairs selected based on a prior search is obtained using the top-N search terms (where N is a positive number) that have been previously used in a query for said attribute.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.



7. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieving one or more prior query queries performed searches that have been executed by said user, and

generating said query comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said prior queries query searches.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating step is performed automatically in response to said user command.
- 9. (Original)The method of claim 7, wherein said user command is a single button click.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one of said attribute-value pairs selected based on said prior queries is obtained using the top-N search terms (where N is a positive number) that have been previously used in a query for said attribute.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.

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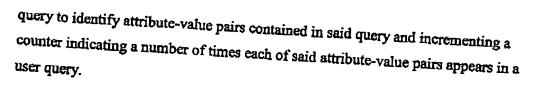
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of decomposing said query to identify attribute-value pairs contained in said query and incrementing a counter indicating a number of times each of said attribute-value pairs appears in a user query.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising the steps of:

receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieving the top-N (where N is greater than or equal to zero) attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in a query search that has been executed by the user; and

constructing said query with said top-N attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.

- 14. (Original)The method of claim 13, wherein said constructing step is performed automatically in response to said user command.
- 15. (Original)The method of claim 13, wherein said user command is a single button click.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of decomposing said



18. (Currently Amended) A system for searching an electronic program guide, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

obtain a list of available programs;

generate a user query in response to a user command by a user, said user query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on a prior query search that has been executed by the user; and

compare attributes of said available programs to said attribute-value pairs in said query to identify programs satisfying said query.

- 19. (Currently Amended) A system for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising:
 - a memory for storing computer readable code; and
 - a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:



receive a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieve one or more prior query queries performed searches that have been executed by said user, and

generate said query comprised of at least one attributevalue pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said prior queries query searches.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

receive a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieve the top-N (where N is greater than or equal to zero) attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in a query search that has been executed by the user; and

construct said query with said top-N attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.



21. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for searching an electronic program

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to obtain a list of available programs;

a step to generate a user query in response to a user command by a user, said user query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on a prior query search that has been executed by the user; and

a step to compare attributes of said available programs to said attribute-value pairs in said query to identify programs satisfying said query.

22. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

> a step to receive a command from a user initiating said query;

a step to retrieve one or more prior query queries performed search that has been executed by said user, and



a step to generate said query comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said prior queries query searches.

23. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attributevalue pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising:

> a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to receive a command from a user initiating said query;

a step to retrieve the top-N (where N is greater than or equal to zero) attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in a query search that has been executed by the user; and

a step to construct said query with said top-N attributevalue pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.